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## MICHIGAN RECEIVES NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

The National Pollution Prevention Roundtable's (NPPR) officially recognized Michigan as a national leader in environmental innovation when it announced its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Most Valuable Pollution Prevention Awards this week. The Michigan Turfgrass Environmental Stewardship Program (MTESP) and Steelcase's environmental accomplishments both received honors at an awards reception at NPPR offices in Washington DC on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The awards were given in honor of National Pollution Prevention Week, which was September 18-24, 2006.



*Jeff Burke, NPPR; Marcia Horan, MDEQ; Craig Hoffman, Golf Course Superintendents Association; and Debbie Swartz MDA.*

The Michigan Turfgrass Environmental Stewardship Program (MTESP) is a voluntary proactive initiative designed to prevent pollution and increase compliance with environmental regulations on golf properties. The program represents a unique partnership between the:

- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- Michigan Department of Agriculture
- Michigan Golf Course Superintendents Associations
- Michigan Turfgrass Foundation
- Michigan State University
- Michigan Golf Course Owners Association
- Golf Association of Michigan

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The program offers a number of services including:

- Pollution prevention education and technical assistance
- Identification of state and federal laws affecting the golf industry;
- On-site visits and workshops;
- Encouraging the adoption of buffer strips to increase surface water protection, reduce mowing and enhance wildlife habitat; and
- Public recognition for stewardship achievements.

The MTESP currently has 234 golf courses voluntarily participating in the program and has certified 63.

Steelcase's environmental accomplishments are profiled in its 2006 Environmental Report, which discusses its efforts towards environmental stewardship, sustainable operations, community engagement and social responsibility. This award demonstrates their continuing commitment to pollution prevention principles which ultimately benefit not only Steelcase and their surrounding community but all Michigan industries. Steelcase was one of only eleven award recipients nationally making this all the more notable. Steelcase has been a member of the Michigan Business Pollution Prevention Partnership (MBP3) since 1998 and is a recent Neighborhood Environmental Partner award recipient which is further evidence of their corporate and facility level commitments. Steelcase's Environmental Report can be viewed at [www.steelcase.com/na/steelcase\\_2006\\_environmental\\_r\\_ourcompany.aspx?f=16644](http://www.steelcase.com/na/steelcase_2006_environmental_r_ourcompany.aspx?f=16644)

For complete information on the Michigan Turfgrass Environmental Stewardship Program, visit [www.mtesp.org](http://www.mtesp.org), or contact **Jeff Spencer, 517-241-5719**, or E-mail [spencejl@michigan.gov](mailto:spencejl@michigan.gov).



## MICHIGAN CLEAN MARINA PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW

The Michigan Clean Marina Program (CMP) has recently designated two more facilities as Michigan Clean Marinas. These facilities are added to a growing list of designated marinas this year which include: Irish Boat Shop (Harbor Springs); Irish Boat Shop (Charlevoix); Walstrom Marine (Harbor Springs); Bay Harbor (Bay Harbor); Belle Maer (Harrison Twp); MacRay Harbor (Harrison Twp)

"As of now, there are a total of six facilities that have been designated. In addition, we have several harbors that have completed their preparation and have requested visitations by CMP consultants," stated Michigan Boating Industries Association president Van Snider.

In order to qualify for the Clean Marina designation, one or more key employees of the facility must attend a CMP workshop. Workshops are being planned for the fall and one is being scheduled during the Recreational Boating Educational Conference (RBEC). In addition, Clean Marina Consultant Dick Babcock will be holding a

seminar at RBEC on what a facility should do to prepare for a clean marina inspection. Each designation is for a three-year period. Prior to expiration, the marina or harbor must go through a re-designation process.

To discuss how your facility can benefit from this valuable partnership, contact **Jeff Spencer**, 517-241-5719, or E-mail [spencejl@michigan.gov](mailto:spencejl@michigan.gov). For complete information on the Michigan Clean Marina Program including guidance, pledge statement and program materials, visit [www.miseagrant.umich.edu/cmp/index.html](http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/cmp/index.html).

## DEQ EMPLOYEE 2006 PLANNER OF THE YEAR

Mary Goodhall, Events Coordinator for the Environmental Science and Services Division (ESSD), was recently recognized by the Michigan Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP) as the 2006 Planner of the Year. This annual award recognizes outstanding achievement and involvement within the organization and the meetings industry.



SGMP is a National, nonprofit professional organization of persons involved in planning government meetings, either on a full or part-time basis, and those individuals who supply services to government planners. Its objectives are to improve the quality and promote the cost effectiveness of government meetings by improving the knowledge and expertise of individuals in the planning and management of government meetings through education, training, and industry relationships.

The ESSD's Workshop Logistical Team hosts a variety of conferences and workshops for the Department's regulatory and non-regulatory programs. In addition to Mary Goodhall, the other members of the Team are Jennifer Acevedo, Marketing; Marlene Osborne, Registrar; and Ruth Hartwig, Graphics and Product Development.

During this fiscal year alone, 52 workshops were conducted with a total attendance of 4,000. Some of the conference topics included an international symposium on wetlands, brownfield redevelopment, stormwater pollution prevention initiative, air quality permitting, SARA Title III, agri-energy, and an environmental compliance conference with 23 breakout sessions. For more information about DEQ workshops, go to [www.michigan.gov/deqworkshops](http://www.michigan.gov/deqworkshops) and click on "Upcoming DEQ Workshops."

*Ms. Goodhall is currently Vice-President of SGMP's Michigan Chapter. Pictured with her are President, Deborah Jensen from Michigan's Children Charter and immediate past President, Andy Silver from the Michigan Department of Community Health.*

## NEW GREEN SCHOOL LOCAL CERTIFICATION

Public and private schools may apply locally for a green school certification under Act No. 146 Public Acts of 2006, which became effective May 22, 2006. Interested schools should contact their local county board to find out which county office or if the Intermediate School District was appointed to receive and review applications.

A school is eligible to receive a designation under this Act if the school meets minimal criteria which includes, but is not limited to, implementing recycling and energy saving programs, participating in earth day activities, developing habitat restoration and projects, having ecology projects and clubs, and other listed activities. See the Act for the specific criteria.

Additional potential information resources include:

- U.S. EPA energy information at [www.energystar.gov/](http://www.energystar.gov/)
- Michigan Energy Demonstration Centers at [www.warmtraining.org/medc/](http://www.warmtraining.org/medc/)
- Michigan energy information at [www.michigan.gov/dleg](http://www.michigan.gov/dleg) “Energy Office”
- Earth 911 recycling information at [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org)
- DEQ recycling information at [www.michigan.gov/deqrecycling](http://www.michigan.gov/deqrecycling)
- Local recycling coordinators (contact list at [www.michigan.gov/deqrecyclingcontacts](http://www.michigan.gov/deqrecyclingcontacts))
- Earth Day at [www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net)
- Michigan Association of Conservation Districts native plant information at [www.macd.org/nativeplants/nphome.html](http://www.macd.org/nativeplants/nphome.html)
- U.S. EPA Green Landscaping at [www.epa.gov/glnpo/ecopage/landscape/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/ecopage/landscape/index.html)
- USDA National Plant Data Center at <http://plants.usda.gov> for listing of plants by legal status (threatened and endangered, noxious, or wetland indicator status).
- MI DNR list of endangered & threatened species and tips on creating habitat at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) “Wildlife & Habitat”
- Virtual Environmental Campus at [www.c2e2.org/evc/home.html](http://www.c2e2.org/evc/home.html)
- U.S. EPA Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) DESIGN Tools for Schools at [www.epa.gov/iaq/schooldesign](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schooldesign)
- Environmental Education Curriculum at [www.michigan.gov/deq-meecs](http://www.michigan.gov/deq-meecs). Contact Tom Occhipinti at 517- 373-2379 for more information.

For information regarding potential pollution prevention activities, schools may contact the **Environmental Assistance Center**, 800-662-9278 or E-mail [deq-ead-env-assist@michigan.gov](mailto:deq-ead-env-assist@michigan.gov). Please note that the DEQ is not involved with the certification process.

## NEW TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS FOR INFECTIOUS SUBSTANCES

A new federal transportation regulation became effective October 1, 2006, although voluntary compliance had begun on July 2, 2006. The new classification criteria and packaging requirements are now consistent with international standards and help clarify existing requirements to promote compliance.

See the guidance document “**Transporting Infectious Substances Safely**” for more information about infectious substances can affect both humans and animals, including:

- New or revised definitions and exceptions for: new and revised definitions
  - o Biological products

- o Cultures
- o Patient specimens
- Revised security plan requirements
- Hazardous materials table changes
- Packaging, labeling, and marking changes

The guide is available at <http://hazmat.dot.gov/training/training.htm> under the heading Instructions and Guidance on the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR).

An infectious substance must conform to all applicable HMR requirements when offered for transportation or transported by air, highway, rail, or water. Questions about these transportation regulations can be directed to **Sgt. Susan Fries**, Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division, **517-336-6580**, or the **US Department of Transportation**, **800-467-4922**.

Questions about medical waste generation, segregation, storage, treatment and disposal under Michigan's Medical Waste Regulatory Act can be directed to **Andy Shannon**, **517-335-1146**, or **John Gohlke**, **517-241-1320**, from the DEQ Waste and Hazardous Materials Division, or E-mail [MedicalWaste@michigan.gov](mailto:MedicalWaste@michigan.gov). Information is at [www.michigan.gov/deqmedwaste](http://www.michigan.gov/deqmedwaste).

## CONFETTI STRING DESTRUCTION ORDERED BY EPA

EPA has ordered five national retail chains to pull from their shelves cans of illegally imported confetti string products that contain banned hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs). These substances deplete the earth's protective stratospheric ozone layer and increase the risk of skin cancer. Millions of cans of these novelty items, all imported from China or Taiwan and known by various names such as Zany String, Crazy String, and Party Streamer, have been sold illegally in the United States. The banned children's products were found at Dollar General, Dollar Tree, Target, American Greetings, Inc., and Too, Inc. (which owns Limited Too). Investigations continue regarding other stores.

Based on the administrative order requirements, products purchased from the above stores after June 1, 2006, are expected to be in compliance with EPA regulations. Products manufactured in European countries have not been found to contain the banned chemicals. Products made in China and Taiwan may or may not contain the banned chemicals and it is not possible to tell by the label. More information about the illegal HCFCs is at [www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/cases/civil/caa/confettistring.html](http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/cases/civil/caa/confettistring.html).

Residents may check if the stores will accept the products back for proper disposal, or are encouraged to see if their local household hazardous waste collection programs will accept them. A list of county contacts can be found at [www.michigan.gov/deqrecyclingcontacts](http://www.michigan.gov/deqrecyclingcontacts).





## GREEN LODGING WEB SITE IS LIVE!!

This environmental resource Web site is designed to support the Energy Office's "Green Lodging Michigan (GLM) Program." It also gives lodging facilities easy access to Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) resources to help them become more environmentally friendly.

The green lodging program was developed by the Energy Office of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG), DEQ, and the Travel Michigan office. The certification criteria involves seven categories: Communication & Education, Air Quality, Energy Efficiency, Solid Waste Reduction, Toxic / Hazardous Waste, Water Conservation, and Purchasing. There are three levels of certification: partner, steward, and leader. During the pilot, six facilities were certified and will participate in the October 18<sup>th</sup> launch by the Energy Office.

Thank you to the Energy Office for sponsoring the program, Travel Michigan and Department of Management and Budget for the support, and all the DEQ staff that helped: Jennifer Acevedo, Karen Edlin, Dave Fiedler, Maggie Fields, Darlene Harris, Steve Kulesia, and Debra Sweet.

For more information on the GLM Program, visit [www.michigan.gov/greenlodging](http://www.michigan.gov/greenlodging). The DEQ lodging environmental resources Web site can be found at: [www.michigan.gov/deqp2partnerships](http://www.michigan.gov/deqp2partnerships) under 'Green Lodging.'

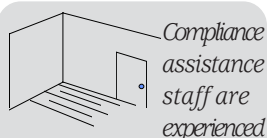
## COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE CORNER

**Question:** Do I need a permit to withdraw water from my Inland lake?

**Answer:** The answer depends on who makes the withdrawal, the use of the water, the amount withdrawn, what structures are needed to move the water and how it is discharged.

In general, withdrawal of water from inland lakes is guided by the common law doctrine of riparian rights on inland waters. In general under common law, riparian owners (owners of property abutting a lake or stream) may, as a property right, make reasonable use of the water for domestic purposes. Each riparian owner has an equal right to the use of water. Riparian owners do not have a property ownership right in the water itself, but simply a right to use the water, without impairing it. Disputes between riparian owners over the use of water are subject to resolution through civil processes.

Several new laws that became effective on February 28, 2006, will help Michigan better manage the tremendous water resources that support our economy, environment, and quality of life. These laws amend Parts 327, Great Lakes Preservation, and 328, Aquifer Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994, PA 451, as amended (NREPA) and the Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 P.A. 399. These amendments address reporting, registering, environmental protection standards, and permitting requirements for



*Compliance assistance staff are experienced department personnel in ESSD that specialize in another environmental program division. Staff provide one-on-one and referral assistance on calls received by the Environmental Assistance Center. If you have any environmental question on which you need assistance, call 1-800-662-9278.*

large quantity withdrawals (100,000 gallons per day) from groundwater and surface water. For an overview of these new provisions visit [www.michigan.gov/deqwater](http://www.michigan.gov/deqwater) and under the Announcement heading, select “New Water Withdrawal Law for Michigan.” A large quantity water withdrawal requires an annual report of water use be submitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Water Bureau, or to the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Environmental Stewardship Division if the water use is for an agricultural purpose. A new or increased large quantity withdrawal requires a permit if the proposed withdrawal is greater than 2 million gallons per day (MGD) from an inland source or 5 MGD from the Great Lakes or connecting water. For information on these programs and staff contacts visit [www.michigan.gov/deqwater](http://www.michigan.gov/deqwater)

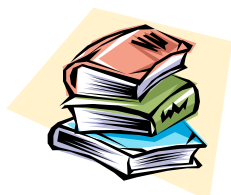
Installation of pipes, pumps or other structures in lakes or through wetlands may require permits from the Land and Water Management Division of the MDEQ under the authority of Part 303, Wetland Protection and Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams of the NREPA. Generally, water shall not be withdrawn from a lake, wetland, or stream in such quantity and/or duration so as to adversely impact or degrade water quality standards aquatic life, riparian rights or uses. To determine if wetlands are present on the site see information on our wetland assessment program available by visiting [www.michigan.gov/deqwetlands](http://www.michigan.gov/deqwetlands). Information on our Lakes and Streams Program is available by visiting [www.michigan.gov/deqinlandlakes](http://www.michigan.gov/deqinlandlakes), then select “Lakes and Streams Protection”.

An application for a permit is available at [www.michigan.gov/jointpermit](http://www.michigan.gov/jointpermit).

Wastewater discharge permit programs could apply to projects that use water from the inland lake. The need for a wastewater discharge permit under Part 31, Water Resources Protection, of the NREPA depends upon the use of the water. These two permit programs include the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Groundwater Discharge Permit Program. Most residential discharges of water pumped from an inland lake do not create a wastewater and do not require a wastewater discharge permit (e.g. lawn irrigation). However, if the water is used and a wastewater is generated, such as in the case where water passes through a geothermal heat pump or for power washing activities, then a discharge permit program might apply to protect the surface or groundwater from pollutants in the wastewater (i.e. heat or oils/grease). If you are unsure as to whether a wastewater discharge permit program applies for your project, then call the **Environmental Assistance Center, 800-662-9278**. You can learn more about regulations related to home heat pump systems and residential power washing discharges from our compliance assistance page. From [www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq), select “key topics,” then “compliance assistance” and review the articles under “Water Bureau.”

## **FACILITY SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING PROJECT: A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION OF BEST PRACTICES IN FACILITY-LEVEL STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND TRANSPARENCY.**

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, in conjunction with the Ceres, would like to invite you to an important roundtable discussion on the Facility Reporting Project (FRP). The FRP is a multi-stakeholder initiative created by Ceres and the Tellus Institute to develop a generally accepted facility-level reporting system that addresses these questions and other issues, such as building public trust and global competitiveness. Workshop participants will learn about current best practices in facility-level sustainability management, stakeholder engagement, and performance reporting and engage in a discussion on the potential future of the Facility Reporting Project in Michigan. This event will be held November 1st at Eagle Eye Golf Club located in East Lansing, Michigan. For complete conference and registration information, go to [www.michigan.gov/deqworkshops](http://www.michigan.gov/deqworkshops), scroll down to "CERES Environmental Reporting Project Workshop" and click on "Online Registration Form". Registration fee is \$35 and includes continental breakfast, lunch, and conference materials. For more information, contact **Jeff Spencer**, 517-241-5719, or E-mail [spencejl@michigan.gov](mailto:spencejl@michigan.gov).



## **PUBLICATIONS**

**MICHIGAN MANUFACTURERS' GUIDE TO ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH, AND SAFETY REGULATIONS NOW AVAILABLE ON CD.** Have you ever wondered if your manufacturing facility is in compliance with all required state and federal environmental, health, and safety regulations? The sheer volume and complexity of the regulations make it difficult to know which regulations apply to the various equipment and activities at your facility. The good news is you can quit worrying about the unknown. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is proud to announce that the *Michigan Manufacturers' Guide to Environmental, Health, and Safety Regulations – Fourth Edition* is now available on CD for only \$3 plus shipping and tax.

The recently updated 500-page guidebook is a joint publication of the Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality and Labor and Economic Growth. Manufacturers, suppliers, consultants, and regulators can all benefit from this plain-English guide, which provides a comprehensive overview of state and federal environmental, health, and safety regulations. The guide will enable you to gain a better understanding of regulations, get tips on where to go for help, and obtain all-around compliance assistance for your day-to-day operations.

The CD contains a complete PDF version of the guidebook, organized so you can quickly reference each chapter. The CD provides easy access to all linked publications mentioned in the guidebook. Now you won't need to connect to the Internet or get hard copies of over 50 publications referenced in the guidebook. It's all in one easy location on the CD!



To order your copy today, go to [www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq), click on "Key Topics," then "Publications," or contact the **Environmental Assistance Center** at **800-662-9278**. Hard copies of the guidebook are also available for \$20 plus shipping and tax.

#### MODEL ORDINANCE FOR OUTDOOR AND OPEN BURNING NOW AVAILABLE!

While it may seem harmless, outdoor burning generates air pollution, which affects human health and is the source of many odor and nuisance complaints. To help local officials regulate outdoor burning in their community, the Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality and Natural Resources, in conjunction with the Michigan Townships Association, have developed a *Model Ordinance for Outdoor and Open Burning*. The model ordinance provides sample language that a municipality can use to craft their own ordinance or modify an existing one. The ordinance addresses activities such as trash burning, burning of brush and leaves, outdoor wood-fired boilers, and patio burners. In addition to state requirements, the ordinance also provides provisions that a municipality can pick and choose from to further restrict this activity in their community.

The *Model Ordinance for Outdoor and Open Burning* can be accessed on the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's open burning website [www.michigan.gov/deqair](http://www.michigan.gov/deqair) (select "Open Burning Information"). This document can also be accessed on the Michigan Townships Association open burning website [www.michigantownships.org/burnreg.asp](http://www.michigantownships.org/burnreg.asp).

For questions or comments contact **James Ostrowski**, MDEQ, Environmental Science and Services Division, **517-241-8057** or [ostrowsj@michigan.gov](mailto:ostrowsj@michigan.gov).

## EVENTS

### OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2006

**MEECS (MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM SUPPORT) TRAINING WORKSHOPS, VARIOUS LOCATIONS, MICHIGAN.** The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is pleased to announce that Michigan is among only a handful of states to create its own environmental education curriculum, known as the MEECS. This project is designed to provide students in grades four through nine with an opportunity to learn about their environment through five different curriculum units: Air Quality, Ecosystems & Biodiversity, Energy Resources, Land Use, and Water Quality. Over 180 teacher training MEECS workshops have been scheduled. A full brochure with workshop dates, times, and locations is available on the Web at [www.michigan.gov/deq-meecs](http://www.michigan.gov/deq-meecs). Please check for updates on the MEECS website, as more workshops are scheduled. Registration Fee: Low cost/no cost - varies by location. Registration Information: Varies by location; see Web brochure. Information Contact: **Thomas Occhipinti**, Executive Division, **517-373-2379**, or E-mail at [occhipit@michigan.gov](mailto:occhipit@michigan.gov).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location</u>
10/10/06	Air	Wayne Co. Math Science Center, Wayne RESA, Wayne
10/13/06	Ecosystems	Seaborg Center, NMU, Marquette
10/13/06	Water	Seaborg Center, NMU, Marquette

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10/13/06	Land	Seaborg Center, NMU, Marquette
10/13/06	Air	Seaborg Center, NMU, Marquette
10/19/06	Land	Wayne Co. Math Science Center, Wayne RESA, Wayne
10/21/06	Air	MDSTA Conference, Lawrence Tech. University,
	Southfield	
10/21/06	Ecosystems	MDSTA Conference, Lawrence Tech. University,
	Southfield	
10/21/06	Energy	MDSTA Conference, Lawrence Tech. University,
	Southfield	
10/21/06	Land	MDSTA Conference, Lawrence Tech. University,
	Southfield	
10/21/06	Water	MDSTA Conference, Lawrence Tech. University,
	Southfield	
11/9/06	Energy	Hillsdale-Lenawee-Monroe Math and Science Center,
	SEEC, Adrian	
11/18/06	Water	Pierce Cedar Creek Institute, Hastings

## OCTOBER 2006

### OCTOBER 12, 2006

**THE 2006 GREAT LAKES INTERFAITH ENERGY CONFERENCE: ACTIONS FOR CREATING JUST AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES, PRINCE CONFERENCE CENTER & ECOSYSTEM PRESERVE AT CALVIN COLLEGE, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN.** Presented by the Michigan Interfaith Power and Light and the West Michigan Environmental Action Council's Religion, Ecology, and Spirituality group, conference sessions will provide a variety of opportunities for personal and professional development through classroom and hands-on learning, interaction, discussion, and reflection. Keynote speakers will include Rev. Jim Ball, known for leading the "What Would Jesus Drive?" campaign, and Lisa Oliver King, who is working with Grand Rapids communities on environmental justice issues. The DEQ will have an exhibit at this event. For more information, go to [www.miipl.org](http://www.miipl.org) or contact **Jessica Yorko**, 517-333-9133, or E-mail [yorko446@cs.com](mailto:yorko446@cs.com).

## OCTOBER 2006

### OCTOBER 12, 2006

**MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS (MAEP) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEETING, GENOA WOODS CONFERENCE CENTER, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN.** MAEP presents "MDEQ's Refined Petroleum Temporary Reimbursement Program" from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2006. Speakers are Paula McAllister, Chief, Temporary Reimbursement Program Unit, and Mohammad Yusaf, P.E., Program Support Section Chief, Remediation and Redevelopment Division, MDEQ. Information Contact: **Lynne Kohon**, Executive Director, at 517-349-1970, or E-mail [exec-dir@maep.org](mailto:exec-dir@maep.org). Cost: \$60 for MAEP Members; \$75 for non-members.

## OCTOBER 2006

### OCTOBER 18-19, 2006

**MICHIGAN'S PREMIER PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE - CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION: KEYS FOR A HEALTHIER MICHIGAN, TREETOPS RESORT, GAYLORD, MICHIGAN.** This conference will bring together Michigan's public health

professionals to celebrate the achievements of the past year and to plan together how best to improve the health of Michigan's citizens. Conference topics include: chronic disease, prevention, nutrition and physical activity; leadership, health planning, policy development and assessment; public health nursing, maternal and child health, oral health and medicine; health education, promotion and prevention; environmental health; emergency preparedness; and infectious and non-infectious diseases. Continuing Education Credits will be offered for CME, Nursing Contact Hours, and CHES. Updated conference information is available at [www.malph.org](http://www.malph.org). Information Contact: **Julie Zdybel**, Michigan Association for Local Public Health, 517-485-0660, or E-mail at [jzdybel@malph.org](mailto:jzdybel@malph.org).

**OCTOBER 25-27, 2006**

**CERTIFIED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGERS EXAM REVIEW COURSE, YAZAKI NORTH AMERICA LEARNING CENTER, CANTON, MICHIGAN.** The Certified Hazardous Materials Managers of Michigan (CHMM-MI) present this intensive review course for those wishing to sit for the certified hazardous materials manager's exam. This course provides an intensive review of topics included in the certification exam. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will have an exhibit booth at this event. Tuition: \$400 includes presentations notebook, continental breakfast, lunch and membership in CHMM. Information Contact: **Dr. William Lipton** at 734-586-1678, or E-mail [info@chmm-mi.org](mailto:info@chmm-mi.org) or visit [www.chmm-mi.org](http://www.chmm-mi.org).

**NOVEMBER 1, 2006**

**2006 RENEWABLE OPERATING PERMIT (PASS-ROP) APPLICATION WORKSHOP, CONSTITUTION HALL, LANSING, MICHIGAN.** The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Clean Air Assistance Program is offering the PASS-ROP workshop again in 2006. This workshop is designed to help you complete your initial or renewal ROP application using the PASS-ROP software. You will be taken step by step through the software in an interactive, hands-on format. You will also receive the "PASS-ROP Workbook" and other guidance materials. A full brochure and online registration are available on the Web at [www.michigan.gov/deqworkshops](http://www.michigan.gov/deqworkshops), click on "Upcoming DEQ Workshops." Registration fee is \$50. Registration Information Contact: **Environmental Assistance Center**, 800-662-9278, or E-mail [deq-ead-env-assist@michigan.gov](mailto:deq-ead-env-assist@michigan.gov). Information Contact: **Jim Ostrowski**, Environmental Science and Services Division, 517-241-8057, or E-mail [ostrowsj@michigan.gov](mailto:ostrowsj@michigan.gov).

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**FACILITY SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING PROJECT DISCUSSION, EAGLE EYE GOLF CLUB, EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN.** The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in conjunction with Ceres would like to invite you to an important roundtable discussion on the Facility Reporting Project (FRP). The FRP is a multi-stakeholder initiative created by Ceres and the Tellus Institute to develop a generally accepted facility-level reporting system that addresses issues such as building public trust and global competitiveness. A flier and online registration are available on the Web at [www.michigan.gov/deqworkshops](http://www.michigan.gov/deqworkshops), click on "Upcoming DEQ Workshops." Registration fee is \$35. Registration Contact: **Environmental Assistance Center**, 800-662-9278, or E-mail [deq-ead-env-assist@michigan.gov](mailto:deq-ead-env-assist@michigan.gov).

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**WATER AND WASTEWATER CONSTRUCTION PERMITS WORKSHOP: EXPEDITING THE REVIEW PROCESS, VARIOUS LOCATIONS, MICHIGAN.** If you're interested in improving your turn-around time for obtaining Act 399 (Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act) and Part 41 of Act 451 (Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act) construction permits, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) can help! This one-day seminar will show communities, developers, and consulting firms how to ensure the quickest review and permitting of projects. Along with reviewing checklists and common problems that hold up processing of applications, the DEQ will introduce its new Streamline process for water main and sewer main construction permitting to provide for even faster application reviews and permit issuances. A complete package of program requirements, checklists, and guidance will be provided to each attendee. Anyone involved in water and sewer construction permitting should attend. A full brochure and online registration are available on the Web at [www.michigan.gov/deqworkshops](http://www.michigan.gov/deqworkshops), click on "Upcoming DEQ Workshops." Registration fee is \$75. Registration Information Contact: **Environmental Assistance Center**, 800-662-9278, or E-mail at [deq-ead-env-assist@michigan.gov](mailto:deq-ead-env-assist@michigan.gov). Information Contact: **Mike Stifler**, Water Bureau, 231-775-3960 ext. 6260, or E-mail [stiflerm@michigan.gov](mailto:stiflerm@michigan.gov).

*If you are interested in participating in the development of any Environmental Science and Services Division event, please call **Mary Goodhall**, 517-241-7968 or E-mail [goodhalm@michigan.gov](mailto:goodhalm@michigan.gov).*